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For: PROGRAMMED I/O ETHERNET ADAPTER WITH EARLY INTERRUPTIONS FOR ACCELERATING DATA TRANSFER

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
09/028,088, filed on February 23, 1998, which is a continuation application of 08/503,797, filed on July 18, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,872,920, which is a continuation application of 08/374,491, filed on January 17, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,485,584, which is a divisional application of 07/907,946, filed on July 2, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,412,782, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference.  
Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

☒ 15 page(s) of specification  
☒ 7 page(s) of claims  
☒ 1 page of Abstract  
☒ 6 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s).  
An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ A ☐ signed ☒ unsigned Declaration  
A Power of Attorney.  
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.  
A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.  
Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.  
A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.  
Notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application.  
☒ Preliminary Amendment

In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

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